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Social Forestry
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote social forestry;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard;
(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce social forestry projects with the active participation of the public and students; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) There are provisions under the National Forest Policy, 1988 to encourage a need-based and time bound programme of afforestation and tree planting through afforestation, social forestry & farm forestry with involvement of local communities. The Policy encourages planting of trees alongside roads, railway lines, rivers and streams and canals, and on other unutilized lands under State/corporate, institutional or private ownership including creation of green belts in urban/industrial areas as well as in arid tracts.

(c)& (d) At present there are two major afforestation schemes namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and National Mission for a Green India (GIM) operational in the Ministry. Both these schemes are implemented in participatory mode under Joint Forest Management (JFM) approach. NAP is aimed at afforestation and eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining areas whereas GIM aims at increasing the forest cover of country along with improving its quality. There is a component under GIM to support forestry on farm lands for taking up Agro-forestry and Social forestry.

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